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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings replace the original sheets of drawings (Figures 1-8).

The original sheet of Figure 6 has been amended. In particular, reference character "60" has been amended to --160--; and references characters "152" and "154" have been deleted.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (six pages)

Annotated Sheet Showing Change(s) (one page (Figure 6))

REMARKS

Applicants amended Figure 6 to correct labeling errors and to address objections to the drawings. Applicants also amended claims 63, 72, 75, and 76; and canceled claim 71. The Examiner's indication that claims 71, 72, and 75 are allowable are acknowledged. Claims 63-70 and 72-78, of which only claim 63 is in independent form, are presented for examination.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), the Examiner rejected claims 63, 64, 69, 70, 74, and 76 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,346,506 (Beumel), and claims 63-70, 74, 76, and 77 as anticipated by "Hydrogen For A PEM Fuel Cell Vehicle Using A Chemical Hydride Slurry" (Breault). Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner rejected claim 78 as being unpatentable over Breault in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,101,592 (Robertson), or over Beumel in view of Robertson; claims 73 and 77 as being unpatentable over Beumel in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,674,702 (MacKenzie); and claim 73 as being unpatentable over Breault in view of MacKenzie.

Applicants amended independent claim 63 to include the features of claim 71, which the Examiner indicated as allowable. Accordingly, the above rejections are rendered moot, and claims 63 and its dependent claims should be passed to allowance.

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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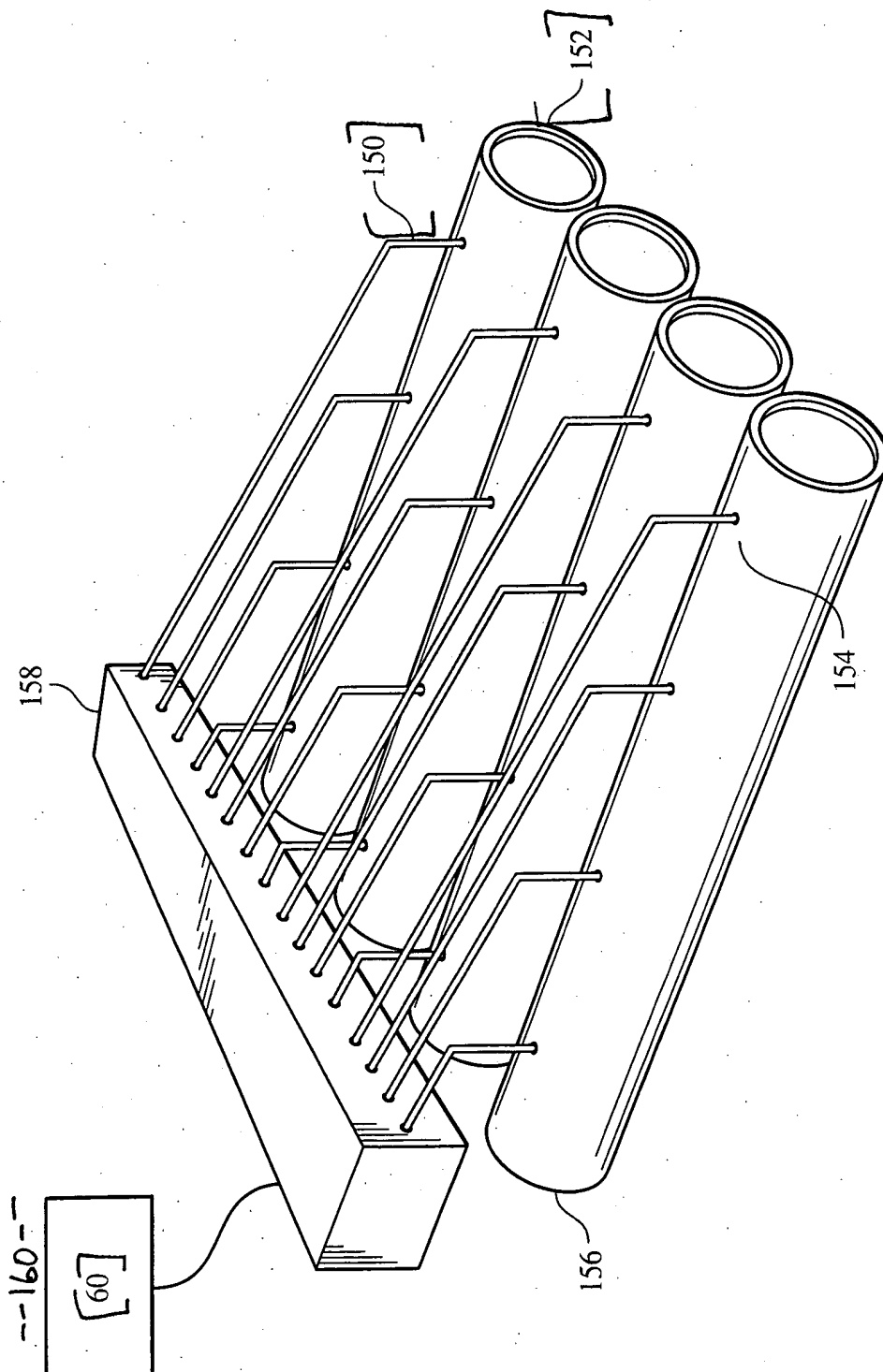


FIG. 6

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES